



# THE SUQUAMISH TRIBE

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Re: Bremerton Gasworks Site, Bremerton, WA

Dear Ms. Costello:

This letter is to provide additional information on the Bremerton Gasworks site, Bremerton, Washington.

The Bremerton Gasworks site is situated within the Suquamish Tribe's usual and accustomed fishing area (U & A). Within the U & A, the Tribe has treaty-reserved fishing rights and is a co-manager of fishery resources with the State of Washington.

The Suquamish Tribe uses the Washington Commercial Shellfish Growing Area Classification to determine the suitability of bivalve harvests (i.e., clams, oysters). The Commercial Shellfish Growing Area Classification is "Unclassified" for the marine area that includes the Bremerton Gasworks site due in part to the proximity of combined sewer overflows (CSOs). The Tribe will not open bivalve harvesting within an Unclassified area. However, the Tribe requests that the harvesting of bivalves within this area is evaluated as a reasonable anticipated future use in human health risk assessments. The Tribe, in partnership with agencies, has been successful in upgrading areas previously closed due to CSO concerns and is currently harvesting bivalves from these areas.

The Tribe also regulates the harvesting of finfish and other marine invertebrate species (i.e., crab, sea cucumber) within the marine area that includes the Bremerton Gasworks site. There are currently no environmental restrictions that prevent the Tribe from opening this area for the harvesting of finfish and other marine invertebrate species. The Tribe requests that the harvesting of these fishery resources is evaluated as a current use in human health risk assessments and in scoring the site using the HRS.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (360) 394-8442.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Brooks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being more prominent than the last name "Brooks".

Richard Brooks  
Environmental Program Manager

Cc: Ken Marcy, EPA  
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